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Letter dated 22 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that, at a meeting in Moscow held on 24 August 1993, the ministers for foreign affairs of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States and of Azerbaijan, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova, adopted the Joint Declaration of the States Members of the Commonwealth of Independent States and of Azerbaijan, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova on Questions of Environmental Protection (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would take the necessary steps to circulate the attached text of the Declaration as an official document of the General Assembly under item 100 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Y. VORONTSOV

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ANNEX

Joint Declaration of the States Members of the Commonwealth of Independent States and of Azerbaijan, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova on Questions of Environmental Protection

The Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, the Republic of Uzbekistan, and Ukraine, and the Azerbaijani Republic, the Republic of Georgia and the Republic of Moldova, sharing the aspirations of the international community for the ecological recovery of planet Earth, reaffirm their commitment to international cooperation and the efforts of the United Nations in this field and declare their readiness to contribute in every way possible to the development of United Nations activities in the economic, social and environmental fields, to the implementation of the recommendations of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and to the expansion of the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

The States that have adopted this Declaration share the view that the successful solution of global, regional and subregional problems of sustainable development are dependent on the observance of a balance of interests of all groups of countries, including, of course, countries whose economies are in a period of transition. Such respect for the interests of all concerned, embodied in the documents of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in particular the Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biodiversity, is essential if cooperation to promote sustainable development is to be truly international and productive.

The States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, and Azerbaijan, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova, consider it important that the international community and the United Nations and all its bodies and organs should continue to uphold the principle of solidarity and consider their specific needs and capabilities with understanding.

The States that have adopted this Declaration propose that, at the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly, there should be an exchange of views on ways and means of establishing environmental monitoring from outer space as one of the key components in the implementation of the decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. Such an exchange of views would mobilize the experience and potential of the United Nations and make it possible to prepare, within a relatively short period of time, recommendations on practical measures in this area. The States that have adopted this Declaration are prepared to participate in a constructive dialogue on this issue and to contribute to its development.